GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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ASSISTANCE TO DHOLAVIRA
SHANKERSINH VAGHELA

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance being provided by the Government for the excavation and conservation of the excavated remains of the archaeological site Dholavira situated in Kutch, Gujarat during 1999 - 2000 and 2000 - 2001 ;

(b) whether the Government propose to convert Dhoalvira into a main Archaeological tourists spot ; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) The Archaeological Survey of India incurred an expenditure of Rs. 30.83 lakhs for excavation and conservation of the archaeological site at Dholariva, Distt. Kachchha, Gujarat during the year 1999 - 2000 for the year 2000 - 2001 a sum of Rs. 30.00 lakhs has been earmarked for the purpose.
(b) & (c) The Government of Gujarat has drawn up a comprehensive programme for the development of Dholavira.